

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 454 entitled “An act relating to transforming Vermont’s education governance,
4 quality, and finance systems” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the report of the Committee on Education, as
6 amended by the Committee on Finance, be further amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 3, School District Boundary Task Force; report; maps, in
8 subsection (h), by striking out “These payments shall be made from monies
9 appropriated to the General Assembly.”

10 Second: In Sec. 3, School District Boundary Task Force; report; maps, by
11 striking subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
12 subsection (i) to read as follows:

13 (i) Appropriations.

14 (1) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated to the Office of Legislative
15 Counsel from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026 to hire one or more
16 consultants pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

17 (2) The sum of \$33,000.00 is appropriated to the General Assembly
18 from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026 for per diem compensation and
19 reimbursement for the Task Force pursuant to subsection (h) of this section.

20 Third: By adding two new sections and a reader assistance heading to be
21 Sec. 56a and 56b to read as follows:

* * * Agency of Education Transformation Support * * *

Sec. 56a. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; TRANSFORMATION

APPROPRIATION

The sum of \$3,517,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work as follows:

(1) \$200,000.00 to support school boards transitioning to new governance models as contemplated in this act;

(2) \$562,500.00 for positions established in Sec. 56b of this act; and

(3) \$2,754,500.00 for contracted services to support school districts with administrative activities relating to consolidation, including accounting, budget and operational practice, and to support education quality activities including the alignment of curricula, instructional materials, and teaching activities.

Sec. 56b. EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION; POOL POSITIONS

The General Fund appropriation in Sec. 56a of this act shall fund five limited service classified positions taken from the position pool. The pool positions shall be used to establish the following limited service classified positions at the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work:

(1) one Business Operations Support Specialist;

(2) one Data Integration Support Specialist;

1 (3) one Curriculum and Education Quality Standards Integration

2 Specialist;

3 (4) one Learning and Teaching Integration Specialist; and

4 (5) one School Facilities Field Support Specialist.

5 Fourth: In Sec. 57, effective dates, in subdivision (b)(12), following

6 “(grand list parcel definition);” by striking out the word “and”

7 Fifth: In Sec. 57, effective dates, in subdivision (b)(13), following “(PVR

8 hearing officer pay)” by striking out “.” and inserting in lieu thereof “.”

9 Sixth: In Sec. 57, effective dates, in subsection (b), by adding two new
10 subdivisions to be subdivisions (14) and (15) to read as follows:

11 (14) Sec. 56a (Agency of Education; transformation appropriation); and

12 (15) Sec. 56b (education transformation; pool positions).

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE